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Summer internship program for teachers offered by the Department of Workforce Development

Indianapolis, Ind. – Gov. Joe Kernan announced today that the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is offering professional development opportunities for teachers and other education professionals through summer internships with local employers.

Participants will be eligible for one or two week summer internships that relate to a career in their teaching area. This is a chance for teachers to be exposed to workplace technologies while learning about job requirements and performance expectations of employers. Internships with apprenticeship training programs are also encouraged.

“This is a great opportunity for educators to experience up-close how what they teach in the classroom is put to use in the workplace,” Kernan said. “This is just one more way that we can make sure the skills and information we focus on in our schools, matches the job needs of our business community. It means our graduates are more marketable, and establishes strong links with businesses that could lead to jobs opportunities for our graduates.”

Internships improve curriculum by strengthening educator understanding of broad career areas and the academic and technical skills necessary for success in these areas. Funded through the state’s Carl Perkins federal allotment, eligible recipients include educators from Indiana high schools, middle schools and postsecondary institutions.

Participants must agree to attend an orientation session and post-internship meeting at one of five regional sites. A completed lesson plan submitted at the end of the internship is another requirement. Each participant will receive a weekly stipend of \$750 from the state. Teachers can also receive three graduate level credits from Indiana University or CRUs.

Applications are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday April 26, 2004. Applications can be obtained at www.in.gov/dwd/education/stw/ or contact Terri Schulz at tschulz@dwd.state.in.us. All applicants will be notified of acceptance status no later than May 3, 2004.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the DWD is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, works with the state’s 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

For more information on this, or any other DWD program, contact Jeff Harris at 317/ 232-3396 or via email at jharris@dwd.state.in.us

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